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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR
- MILITARY MANEUVER "COLD FIRE 77"

REF: (A) USCINCEUR 08870 (DTG 261555Z MAY 77) (NOTAL),
(B) USCINCEUR 08776 (DTG 251316Z MAY 77) (NOTAL),
(C) NATO 3984 (DTG 241903Z MAY 77)

1. THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOW-
ING PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE "COLD FIRE 77"
SCHEDULED TO BE MADE ON AUGUST 8 BY SACEUR, CINCENT, AND
MODS THAT WISH TO DO SO. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN
REQUESTED TO APPROVE THIS PRESS RELEASE UNDER THE SILENCE
PROCEDURE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 13, AND THE INTER-
NATIONAL STAFF SUGGESTS THAT POLITICAL CLEARANCE BE CON-
SIDERED AS GRANTED AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 21,
PROVIDED THAT NO OBJECTIONS ARE RAISED BY DELEGATIONS AT
THAT TIME. WE NOTE FROM REF B THAT THE NUMBER OF GROUND
TROOPS INVOLVED IN "COLD FIRE 77" IS EXPECTED TO BE LESS
THAN 10,000 AND THAT THEREFORE CBMS NOTIFICATION IS NOT
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RECOMMENDED BY USCINCEUR.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON PO-
LITICAL CLEARANCE FOR THIS PRESS RELEASE IN TIME FOR JUNE
21 DEADLINE. END ACTION REQUEST.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR MILITARY

MANEUVER "COLD FIRE 77":

EXERCISE COLD FIRE 77, A COMBINED LAND AND AIR EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE ALLIED FORCES CENTRAL EUROPEAN REGION SEPTEMBER 12 TO 16, 1977. PARTICIPATING IN EXERCISE COLD FIRE ARE THE HEADQUARTERS OF ALLIED FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE AND ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE, AND THE HEADQUARTERS AND SUBORDINATE ELEMENTS OF CENTRAL ARMY GROUP, NORTHERN ARMY GROUP, THE SECOND AND FOURTH ALLIED TACTICAL AIR FORCES AND SOME EXTERNAL FORCES ELEMENTS. COLD FIRE IS ALSO COMBINED WITH SEVERAL NATIONAL FIELD TRAINING EXERCISES.

THE OBJECTIVES OF EXERCISE COLD FIRE ARE TO EMPLOY CENTRAL REGION ARMY AND TACTICAL AIR FORCE FORMATIONS IN BOTH COMBINED AND AUTONOMOUS OPERATIONS. THESE OPERATIONS INCLUDE COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS, AND AIR SUPPORT PROCEDURES. DURING THE EXERCISE, AIRCRAFT WILL PERFORM A NUMBER OF LOW LEVEL FLIGHTS AND SOME NIGHT FLYING, PRIMARILY OVER THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THESE FLIGHTS WILL BE LIMITED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OVER DENSELY POPULATED AREAS. COLD FIRE IS ONE OF THE NATO EXERCISES IN THIS YEAR'S AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE PROGRAM.

INTRODUCED IN 1975, THE PROGRAMME BRINGS TOGETHER UNDER A COMMON SCENARIO, A NUMBER OF EXERCISES IN THE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE (ACE) AREA FROM NORWAY TO TURKEY. ALL NATO NATIONS WITH FORCES ASSIGNED OR COMMITTED TO THE INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE OF THE ALLIANCE PARTICIPATES

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IN THE AUTUMN FORCE EXERCISE PROGRAMME.

KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME ARE TO TEST AND REFINE METHODS TO MOVE FORCES QUICKLY TO AREAS OF GREATEST NEED; EXPLORE, IMPROVE, AND TO EVALUATE PROCEDURES TO ACHIEVE GREATER STANDARDIZATION OF DOCTRINE, TECHNIQUES, EQUIPMENT AND ARMAMENT WITHIN NATO FORCES. THESE OBJECTIVES ARE SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF SACEUR'S THREE-PRONGED FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME CALLED THE 3RS: READINESS, RATIONALIZATION AND REINFORCEMENT.

ALTHOUGH EXERCISES ARE DESIGNED TO MEET SPECIFIC NATIONAL OR NATO TRAINING GOALS, THE RESULTS OF AUTUMN FORCE EXERCISES ARE ANALYZED TO MEASURE AND IMPROVE NATO'S MUTUAL DEFENSE NEEDS.

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